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GOCAE

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1. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT (REFTEL), TEXACO HAS INFORMED
THE GOCAE THAT IT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER THE GOVERNMENT'S
OFFER TO CREATE A JOINT VENTURE IN WHICH THE COMPANIES
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WOULD PARTICIPATE WITH CENTRA-HYDRO, BUT WOULD LIKE TO
RESOLVE ITS COMPENSATION CLAIM BEFORE BEGINNING SERIOUS
DISCUSSIONS ON THE PROPOSAL. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION
THAT MOBIL HAS YET RESPONDED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER.

2. FOR DOUALA: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU

ARE ABLE TO DEVELOP ON MOBIL'S INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE JOINT VENTURE PROPOSAL. HAVE THEY RESPONDED AS YET? IF NOT, WHEN DO THEY INTEND TO DO SO, AND WHAT IS THE TENOR OF THEIR RESPONSE LIKELY TO BE?

3. FOR BANGUI: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHEN, AND HOW, THE GOCAE REACTS TO TEXACO'S RESPONSE.

4. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS POSTS MAY

HAVE ON WHAT FURTHER ROLE USG MIGHT PLAY AT THIS POINT TO ENCOURAGE MOMENTUM TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS, E.G., BY FACILITATING MEETINGS BETWEEN COMPANY REPS AND GOCAE OFFICIALS EMPOWERED TO ACT IN THESE MATTERS, OR BY AGAIN EXPRESSING OUR CONCERN TO THE GOCAE AT THE APPARENT SLOW PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING THE CLAIMS.

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